

House Resolution No. 3154

Whereas, as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Hickory County R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2005, with the retirement of Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ron Wilken, who has devoted thirty-two years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilken has worked for seventeen years at Hickory County R-I, where he is held in high esteem for his overall competence and successful leadership; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Dr. Wilken served as Superintendent in the Aurora R-VIII School District and the Dallas County R-I School District, and as a teacher in Lincoln and Warsaw prior to assuming his responsibilities with Hickory County R-I; and

Whereas, Dr. Wilken has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as an administrator and as a friend; and

Whereas, a member of the Missouri Association of School Administrators Executive Committee, Dr. Wilken has also enjoyed recognition as a recipient of the Administrator of the Year Award from the Missouri Association of School Librarians and the Lloyd R. Ellis Award for community service in Aurora; and

Whereas, Ron Wilken has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Katty Wilken; his children, Aaron Wilken, Eric Wilken, and Alicia Coopedge; and five grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join the Hickory County R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Dr. Wilken has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dr. Ron Wilken, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3154, adopted May 11, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker